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**Jerome D. Mack Middle School
GEAR UP Abstract 2012-2013**

Mack Middle School opened in 2005. The school enrollment demographics indicates students are 9.3% Black/African American, 2.3% Asian, 73% Hispanic, 105% White, 0.9% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.8% Pacific Islander, and 3.5% Multi-Race. Approximately 11.8% of the population is identified as having IEP, 40.4% LEP, and 76.7% as participating in the Free or Reduced Lunch program. The projected population for the 2012-2013 school year is 1,328 students. Mack Middle School will incorporate GEAR UP services to enhance academic achievement and enrichment strategies. In addition to its highly qualified staff, Mack has added a learning strategist and a middle school initiative coordinator. Mack has implemented an AB block schedule to promote a more structured Response to Instruction (RTI) process which provides a weekly schedule for advisory and fundamental classes. Career Cruising, as web-based program will be available to all students initiating the process of exploring pathways to college and career readiness.

Seventh grade GEAR UP students will:

- Receive additional counseling opportunities that will result in an expanded Individual Learning Plan (ILP) based on the interests and aptitudes identified through Career Cruising.
- Participate in STEM objectives designed to introduce career options in these fields and enhance academic rigor within these courses.
- Participate in field trips to their zoned high schools and/or magnet and career technical campuses.
- Attend college and career fairs offered to eligible grade students.
- Participate in a school-wide mentoring program to assist in early intervention and/or additional tracking of the ILP. The Williams Group will support this mentoring initiative through identified presentations designed to meet specific goals identified by the Mack GEAR UP team.
- Complete the GEAR UP Agreement during the 2012-2013 academic year.

The parent/guardian of the GEAR UP student will:

- Attend parent meetings that explain academic opportunities and other resources that the GEAR UP program provides.
- Receive information regarding the importance of early financial planning to access college scholarships and grants.
- Participate in GEAR UP activities such as field trips and career fairs.
- Sign the GEAR UP Agreement during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Administration and faculty will be involved in identified professional development activities that support CCSD initiatives and GEAR UP goals. Although many Mack students attend magnet and career/technical high schools, the main feeder high school is Chaparral.

Gerald Bustamante, Assistant Principal will provide program oversight.